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The Honorable C. Douglas Dillon
Acting Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Attached is a copy of a letter I am sending to the Secretary of Defense regarding [redacted]

You will note in the letter that a stumbling-block to the carrying out of the project is the absence of authority to use [redacted] as one of the essential sites.

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The Intelligence Board requests that every effort be made to obtain that authority at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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The Honorable Neil H. McElroy
The Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Neil:

At the U. S. Intelligence Board meeting of 27 January 1959, a progress report on [redacted] was presented by Army representatives. The purpose of the briefing was to acquaint the Board members with the status and future requirements of this [redacted]

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As you are well aware, we are giving highest priority to the collection and analysis of information on Soviet ballistic missiles activities. We are counting much on this project which promises to yield valuable information. The U. S. Intelligence Board agreed on the feasibility and importance of moving ahead on the necessary scientific and operational improvements to the system.

Our review of this project indicated several steps which might be taken to bring the system to an early operational readiness. First, the full activation of the [redacted] field sites now projected, and any additional sites necessary to help to insure collection of data to identify [redacted] Soviet Union. In this regard, I am writing the Secretary of State urging prompt efforts to secure diplomatic clearance for the [redacted] site.

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On behalf of the Board, I offer any assistance which we may be able to give you to help establish and improve the operational effectiveness of this project.

The Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., is following this project closely. He has authorized me to indicate his interest and to express his concurrence in this letter.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

cc: Secretary of State
Members, U. S. Intelligence Board
Special Assistant to President for
Science and Technology

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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Dr. Killian concurred verbally to the undersigned in the foregoing letter at 2:45, 10 Feb., and retained his copy of this ltr.

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